

WOMAN FREED OF
MURDER CHARGEMrs. Mary McCormick Goes Free
When Court Sustains a Demurrer
Filed by Attorneys for
Defendant.

Mrs. Mary McCormick, on trial for the murder of her husband, John McCormick, in the Barry County circuit court, was freed on the charge this afternoon. After the state's evidence was all in, the attorneys for the defendant filed a demurrer to the evidence, which was sustained by the court. It is not yet determined whether or not Sheridan McCormick, son of the dead man, will be tried on the charge, but probably not as the same evidence would be produced in his case.

The state was represented by Prosecuting Attorney Emory Smith, his assistant, Emory C. Medlin and D. H. Kemp. J. E. Sater and Jake Davis were attorneys for the defendant.

A large number of witnesses were heard Tuesday and Wednesday morning, and practically the same evidence was presented as at the preliminary trial held at Monett. Nothing but circumstantial evidence was produced, which the court held was not sufficient to hold the accused.

Mrs. McCormick and her son Sheridan were arrested on charge of first degree murder, after the body of John McCormick was found in a well on the McCormick farm. Drs. A. Jones and L. H. Ferguson, who examined the body after it was recovered, announced that McCormick did not die of drowning, but was dead when placed in the well.

The bungalow on the McCormick farm was burned sometime in October 1920. Mrs. McCormick and her son Sheridan came to town and made their home with Amos McCormick, while John McCormick remained on the place a part of the time, sleeping in an outbuilding or at the home of one of his relatives. Hence, when he disappeared it was not noticed for a few days, each relative thinking he was at the home of the others. On election day, when he failed to go to the polls to vote, they found that the man had not been seen for some time. A search was then instituted, which led to the finding of the body in the well.

Suspicion was directed to Mrs. McCormick and her son, because they had not been on very good terms with the husband and father, and the last seen of John McCormick alive, so far as the testimony showed, was when he went to the home of Amos McCormick Thursday morning before the election on Tuesday.

The state went on the theory that McCormick was made away with at the place in town and that the body was taken from there and placed in the well, but the evidence did not prove such to be the fact.

The case has been attracting much attention in this district. Mrs. McCormick and Sheridan were arrested on charge of setting the fire that destroyed their home. They were acquitted for lack of evidence and are now suing the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Barry County for damages, which case is set for trial in circuit court this term. Sheridan McCormick has a case for carrying concealed weapons pending against him in this court.

HARDING WILL RELEASE
DEBS. CLAIM SUPPORTERS

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 15.—President Harding will consider the release of Eugene V. Debs from federal prison as soon as the conference on limitation of armament is over, says a telegram received today by Illinois miners in convention here from the Debs Defense League of Chicago. The telegram said the president has promised to give his attention to the matter at that time.

At the risk of having their charters revoked the miners today decided to rush \$60,000 worth of provisions to Kansas miners and their families. A motion was adopted to have the \$90,000 monthly contribution from Illinois miners toward the support of the Kansas miners start from the November mine payments. The monthly contribution will be continued indefinitely.

RAISES POTATOES TO BE USED
BY KANSAS STATE BOARD

The following article was clipped from the Lingle (Wyo.) Review, and sent to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Kynion of Monett, by their son, Don Kynion, who is agent and operator at Lingle. "Lingle potatoes billed as 'Lingle Kings,' raised by William L. Connelly and Don Kynion, have been sold by Carleton Clinton to the Kansas state board for use in the institutions of that state. It is probable, owing to the high quality of the tubers, that the same 'brand' will be specified by the Kansas board next year."

Mrs. C. E. Whitlatch spent Wednesday in Springfield, transacting business.

Mrs. Wm. Thompson went to Springfield, Wednesday, where she spent the day.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER
FOR MISS LANE

Another charming affair given for Miss Ruby Lane, who will be a November bride, was a miscellaneous shower Monday evening, given by Misses Ada Riggs and Hazel Harrison in the home of Miss Riggs, No. 505 Lincoln avenue. The evening was passed in games and music. In a contest game, a prize was awarded to the winner and was received by Mrs. Wm. E. Rogers. Pink chrysanthemums were used for the decorations for the home. The gifts were cleverly concealed in different parts of the home, and each gift was tied with a string which ran through various rooms and tied to lights and doors. Miss Lane had the pleasure of following the string and finding the gifts. The gifts were beautiful. A delicious one plate lunch was served. Kewpie dolls dressed as brides, were given as favors. The guests included the honoree, Misses Fern Heyburn, Ethel Campbell, Mable Amber, Ruby Waite, Winnifred Taylor, Gladys Jeffries, Rose Smith, Marguerite Burg, Ruth Hobbs, Mrs. Wm. E. Rogers, Mrs. Joe L. Lane, and Misses Hazel Harrison and Ada Riggs.

HOSTESS TO HIGH FIVE CLUB

The High Five Club was delightfully entertained on Friday evening by Mrs. L. D. McKee, No. 609 Third street. Mrs. George Edgar received first prize, and Mrs. Thos. Markwell received second. Club members present were Mrs. George Edgar, Mrs. Thos. Markwell, Mrs. Pete Martin, Mrs. P. J. Martin, Mrs. Tom Dwyer, Mrs. John Walsh, Mrs. Jim Heyburn, Mrs. Claud White, Mrs. Louis Tucker, Mrs. Lawrence Welch, Mrs. A. Cole, Mrs. W. J. Fleming, Mrs. Fred Campbell, Mrs. Harry Davies and the hostess.

A FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Boss on Cleveland avenue, Saturday, November 12, in honor of the home-coming of the father, Mr. H. Smith and brother, Otto Smith, who had not been in this locality for twelve or fifteen years. In attendance was the father, three brothers, Will Thurman and Otto Smith, six sisters, Mrs. E. Boss, Mrs. T. F. Smith, Mrs. W. M. Kennedy, Mrs. E. D. Davis, Mrs. Tina Baggeress, Dr. T. V. Poole, with nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A bountiful dinner was served of every thing good to eat. In the forenoon music was rendered by an orchestra composed of Mr. Oscar Bennett, Fred King, Emory Smith, Ethel Poole, Marguerite West and Mrs. Alecia Davis. The orchestra played while the dinner was being served.

In the afternoon, Rev. Erickson, who has been a life-long friend of the Smith family, led a song service, gave a beautiful talk and ended with a wonderful prayer. Mrs. Boss gave a spiritual expression of her thankfulness, and everyone was proud to be in her home and hope, not only to re-unite with Mr. and Mrs. Boss here but also in the great beyond.

One Present.

WIENIE ROAST

The following composed a party at the Tourist's camping ground, Monday evening, and toasted wieners and marshmallows and enjoyed a delicious lunch: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Counts, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Guinney, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Sevier, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilhelm and Mrs. Lawrence Tucker. They returned to the Adams home where they danced until a late hour.

Robert Johnston, of Tulsa, Okla., came Monday night to spend several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston.

D. Moriendo, who bought the Pat Casey farm on the Peirce City road, has made expensive improvements on the house, converting it into a fine eight room residence.

Pauline Balden, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Balden, was operated upon for diseased tonsils and adenoids at the West hospital, Tuesday. She is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Steele motored to Webb City, Friday, and attended the football game, and later motored to Joplin.

The Southwestern Bell telephone company has a unique window display in their window of the office, advertising their rural line system. It is a very pretty display, with a log farm house and large log barn and ground is covered with snow. The rural line service is featured in the display.

Rev. W. E. Brown has closed a successful three week's revival meeting at Ebenezer church. During the series of meetings there were eight conversions. Rev. Brown's mother, Mrs. M. F. Brown, of Purdy, who attended the meeting, returned home Saturday morning. Rev. Brown left Saturday morning for Seligman to fill an appointment.

BOYS

By Wm. E. Rogers.

The greatest asset any nation has is its boys. They evolve into men and sometimes change the boundary lines of nations. The boys make the political parties, they crown or destroy kings, and they bring contention or make peace. The boy can either build or destroy. The most wonderful things that have been created in the world have been made or destroyed by boys of yesterday. Bad boys are good boys with misdirected energies. As Elbert Hubbard says: "In a year or so we will be going to hear them preach from the pulpit, we may go to them to borrow money, they may operate on us for appendicitis. Aye—they may preach our funeral sermons." The hope of our race lies within our boys.

As men have their organizations, so must the boys have theirs. They mean much to each other. All worthy organizations of men teach the fundamentals of brotherly love and good citizenship. So has the boy a similar organization which furnishes him equipment for a career and to train in service for others. Also an organization to promote physical health and efficient citizenship during the adolescent period. This organization is the Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy Scouts of America is non-military and inter-denominational in character, the movement being supported by Catholics, Protestants and Jews alike. Of late it has been given consideration as an educational adjunct by well known educators, some schools adopting the Scout program in part or in whole, while a number of universities and colleges conduct special courses for Scout Masters and Scout Officials.

The administration of the Boy Scouts of America is in the hands of a National Council working through an executive board. This council includes men of national prominence and has the President of the United States for honorary president, and the ex-president of the United States as honorary vice president.

Any boy of twelve or over may become a Boy Scout upon complying with certain conditions. These include taking the oath which reads as follows: "On my honor I will do my best (1) To do my duty to my God and to my country, (2) To help other people at all times, (3) To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

He also subscribes to twelve points of Scout law. A Scout is (1) trustworthy, (2) loyal, (3) helpful, (4) friendly, (5) courteous, (6) kind, (7) obedient, (8) cheerful, (9) thrifty, (10) brave, (11) clean, (12) reverent. The motto of the organization is "Be prepared," and the principle, "Do a good turn daily," is kept constantly before the boys.

In the United States on May 15, 1916, there were registered 174,000 Scouts with the national headquarters in good standing, together with 8,323 Scout Masters and 34,000 Scout Officials, or approximately 215,000 Scouts and Scout officials. In 1921 it almost tripled itself. Judging by these figures one can readily see the magnitude of such an active organization.

Efforts have been made to build a strong organization of Boy Scouts in Monett. The Boy Scouts meet every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. building under the guidance of experienced Scout Masters. So far the evenings have been taken up with lectures and various talks that are interesting to the boys, and as soon as a large enough patrol is formed the Scout work will be taken in all seriousness.

It should be the aim of every father and mother who have sons between the ages of twelve and eighteen to see that they belong to this national organization.

CARD OF THANKS

To the many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during our recent bereavement. We wish to take this means of trying to thank you. But friends, words of thanks are so weak in comparison with all the many kindnesses you have shown us. The kind words of sympathy, the beautiful floral offerings and the many other ways in which you have shown your sympathy. We do so appreciate all that has been done for us, and especially do we thank Mr. H. I. Bradford and Sons for their kindness and untiring efforts in assisting us.

Words cannot express our gratitude and may God's richest blessings rest on each and every one of our prayer.

Mrs. Dora Steele and Children.

Miss Ethel McNeil and Mr. James M. Mansfield visited in Joplin Wednesday.

Miss Tebbie Williams, nurse in training at the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium at St. Louis, came in Wednesday morning to visit her mother, Mrs. A. E. Spencer.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST
SCRUB HOGS

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 16.—The Poland China Breeders' of Missouri have organized to make a spirited campaign against scrub hogs on Missouri farms, and thereby double the pork production in one of the best corn belt states. The organization effected here a few days ago will have more than the thousand members and a fund of \$10,000 annually for the three years to carry on the campaign for pure bred hogs in the feed lot. Members of the Poland China Breed Promotion Committee, President C. G. McCahan, Secretary P. W. Young, Treasurer W. O. Garrett and W. F. McFadden, of the American Record Association have been active in obtaining a charter list and assisting the state officers in completing the organization.

The Missouri association will establish an office with a managing secretary and will cooperate with the Promotion Committee and with county associations in conducting pig clubs and promotion shows and will engage in active work for better hogs on Missouri farms.

The officers of the new organization are Sol Leonard, St. Joe, president; J. R. Young, Richards, V. P. and C. V. Mosby, Cuba, secretary. The Board of Directors are Dr. L. K. Von Grempe, St. Charles; J. W. Head, Palmyra; J. F. Lautz, Carthage; J. R. Young, Richards; H. E. Spurgeon, Wayland; Henry Oberman, Monett; J. B. Overfall, Clarence; Ray Adams, Independence, and E. E. Kirkland, Liberty.

The association will undertake to hold a pig club contest in every county in the state and have a promotion show at every county fair next fall.

GREENHOUSE A BEAUTIFUL
PLACE THIS SEASON

The Triton greenhouse is more than usually attractive this season. Just now the Chrysanthemums are in their prime and there are loads of them. There are immense feathery white and yellow ones and the beautiful pink ones—Mrs. Triton has never had a more beautiful display of these beauties. It is worth a trip to the greenhouse just to see the chrysanthemums.

But that is not all. Every section contains its own attractions and all the favorites are to be found, including waxy roses, blooming begonias, carnations and other flowers. Sweet-peas will soon be in bloom to be used in bouquets. There are many pots of ferns and other greenery.

Plants suitable for the Christmas season are just coming into their red and green attractiveness.

Mrs. Triton is just starting another line—that of raising song birds, and cages of the singers help make the greenhouse a cheerful place. She has linnets, German rollers and St. Andersburg canaries. The last named are a deep fluffy yellow and are beauties. They sing with a low and musical warble, very different from the ordinary canary.

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FRISCO TIME CARD

In Effect Sunday, October 16, 1921.

ST. LOUIS AND MONETT

Arrivals

No. 9 Meteor 3:20 a.m.
No. 5 Tex & Calif. Lmtd 5:15 a.m.
No. 7 Southwest 8:00 a.m.
No. 17 Local Passenger 9:55 a.m.
No. 3 Texan 5:55 p.m.
No. 11 Accommodation 10:50 p.m.

Departures

No. 12 California Express 5:45 a.m.
No. 4 Texan 10:50 a.m.
No. 16 Springfield & Joplin 5:35 p.m.
No. 8 St. L. & Memphis 7:25 p.m.
No. 10 Meteor 10:50 p.m.
No. 6 St. Louis Limited 11:10 p.m.

BETWEEN MONETT AND OKLAHOMA

Arrivals

No. 404 Local Passenger 10:40 a.m.
No. 8 St. Louis Ltd. 7:00 p.m.
No. 10 Meteor 10:35 p.m.

Departures

No. 9 Meteor 3:20 a.m.
No. 7 Oklahoma Ltd. 8:25 a.m.
No. 403 Local Passenger 6:30 p.m.

BETWEEN MONETT, FT. SMITH AND PARIS

Arrivals

No. 4 Texan 10:25 a.m.
No. 716 Eastern Express 6:10 p.m.
No. 6 St. Louis Limited 10:50 p.m.

Departures

No. 5 Texas Limited 5:35 a.m.
No. 715 Little Rock Exp. 10:05 a.m.
No. 3 Texan 6:25 p.m.

BETWEEN MONETT AND WICHITA

Arrivals

No. 306 Southwest Lmtd 10:45 p.m.
No. 304 Eastern Express 9:45 a.m.
No. 312 St. L. & Tex. Exp 5:20 a.m.
No. 316 Springfield Exp. 5:15 p.m.

Departures

No. 305 Southwest Ltd. 5:45 a.m.
No. 317 Local Passenger 10:30 a.m.
No. 303 K. C. Passenger 6:45 p.m.
No. 311 Local Passenger 11:15 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

An assembly will be held this afternoon at the High School. The speaker will be Dr. Shaddrick.

Miss Craig of Springfield held her class in "Fiction" Saturday afternoon at Central school. This is an extension course for teachers.

The football team will commence work this afternoon for the difficult Springfield game which will be played at the end of the week at Springfield.

In the contest of checking up the use of each others English Crystal Spratley came out first by having twenty-three tickets at the end of Good English Week.

W. H. Lynch, visitor for the Southwest Teachers' College, was in town between trains Wednesday, on his way to Neosho, to attend the county teachers' meeting and to visit the city schools.

The Armistice Day assembly was held Friday morning. Mr. Sizer and Dr. Russell gave patriotic speeches. Mr. Holstine, Mr. Engleman and Mr. Galbraith also gave short talks. Ruth Sater, Pat Alsop and Alma Russell gave readings of war poems. The assembly was one of the most interesting held this year.

Realizing that the games with Springfield depend largely on their endurance the football squad drew up a set of resolutions. They are: We the undersigned individuals hereby pledge that we will not eat any candy, pie, cake; will not drink soda water nor any other injurious or doubtful drink; that we will be in bed by nine thirty; will not use tobacco in any form; and that we will do nothing knowingly that would lessen our chances of winning the football championship; and that we will do everything we can toward winning it. We pledge this until all football games this year are played. Signed Loy Shepherd, Burt Johnson, Louis Bounous, Otto Boss, Earl Howerton, Edgar McMahon, Milton Reynaud (captain) Frank Miller, Fred Steele, Hays Heimbaugh, Carl Medlin, Wallace Russom, Burl Henderson, Cecil Long, Vernon Chumbley, Oliver Young, Frank Mourglia, Walter Raynaud, Ami Cuenpet, Lyle Black, and Otto Witte.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Peck of Peirce City, were in town Wednesday.

Miss Carrie Fink spent the day shopping in Springfield.

Mrs. Chas. E. Rice was a visitor in Peirce City today.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Farrow spent Thursday visiting in Springfield.

Miss Martha Allen, of Rolla, who has been visiting friends in Monett, returned home Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins, of Aurora, were among the out of town shoppers today.

Mrs. Hattie Hooten, of Lamar came Wednesday evening to visit her sister in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Porter and baby have returned home from a few days visit in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carter returned Saturday morning from a delightful visit with relatives in Kansas City.

J. H. Lassiter left this week for a months visit with his daughter at Centerton, Ark.

Mrs. W. D. Randall and son, Harold and her sister, Mrs. G. C. Sornbarger and baby, of Los Angeles, Calif., left Wednesday morning for Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. Charles Moody, who was operated upon two weeks ago at the West hospital, returned to her home at Peirce City, Saturday morning.

ASSENT TO U. S.

JUNKING PLAN

Sweeping Proposal for Reduction of Naval Armament Becomes Accepted Fundamental Policy of Conference.

Washington, Nov. 15.—The sweeping American proposal for reduction of naval armament became the accepted fundamental policy of the armament conference today by the unanimous assent of the five great powers.

Secouing the bold lead of the United States, the accredited spokesmen of Great Britain, Japan, Italy and France rose in their places at today's plenary session of the conference, and one after another declared the readiness of their governments to accept the American proposal in spirit and in principle, but with the reservation of a right to suggest modification of detail.

Then the problem of these details, which everyone realizes may yet occupy the prolonged attention of the conference and involve the success or failure of the whole plan, was referred for preliminary examination to a committee of five technical naval advisors, one from each of the "Big Five" powers. Within this committee first of all, Great Britain will ask for a further reduction of the limit proposed on submarine tonnage; Japan will endeavor to prove her right to a greater ratio of naval strength than has been suggested for her and France and Italy will request that their naval questions be considered along with those of the stronger naval powers embraced in the American plan.

Thus the diplomacy of the American delegation has won its first victory in the conference, but still finds itself confronted with questions of admitted importance and delicacy, whose solution is requisite to attainment of the purposes for which the nations were called into consultation.

BEN F. SMITH, JR. DIES

Benjamin F. Smith, Jr., the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith, died at their home on North Eighth street at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night, November 15, of stomach trouble and complications.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon conducted by Rev. C. F. Whitlock.

Benjamin Franklin Smith, Jr., was born at Monett April 8, 1913, and with the exception of a few months that his parents lived in Kansas, he lived here his whole life. He was the only child of his parents. He had one grandparent, Mrs. Cram, Mrs. Smith's mother.

Mrs. J. R. Blankenship and daughter, of Cassville, were in town Wednesday.

Misses Alma and Lela Hiltzhouse, of Verona, were shopping here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Mitchell, Misses Anna Mitchell and Louise Wright visited in Cassville Sunday.

Mrs. W. O. Pelham and Mrs. R. L. Peters spent Tuesday visiting at Ft. Smith, Ark.

Dr. A. Jones and Dr. D. E. Miller operated upon Chas. Marshall's son, Tuesday at Dr. Jones' office.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilhoit went to Joplin, Wednesday, to see the play, "Way Down East" at the New Joplin Theatre.

Mrs. R. T. Keithly and her guest, Miss Helen Oakley, of Fayetteville, Ark., spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lane, of Joplin.

Mrs. U. S. Riddle went to Cassville Tuesday, where she will be a witness in the case of Eula Mullins, an infant, against the City of Monett, for damages.

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